

Dear FCC,

I am OUTRAGED. Media Conglomerates are abusing their power. They must not be allowed to air programs which are heavily slanted against one of the presidential candidates without giving an EQUAL amount of air time to the other presidential candidate. THIS IS WHY AMERICANS TAKE TO THE STREETS IN PROTEST AGAINST CORPORATIONS. THEY HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES NOT ONLY CAPABLE, BUT EAGER TO USE ANY POWER AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO FURTHER THEIR INTERESTS. THIS GOES AGAINST THE VERY HEART OF DEMOCRACY! THIS IS NOT WHAT THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED UPON: POWER FOR THE RICH, THE REST CAN GO TO HELL.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Please listen to your citizens, the ordinary person deserves to be heard.

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